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**NYSDA Presents:**

2026 BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT: HOW COLLABORATION,  
CULTURE, AND CLINICAL MASTERY SHAPE MODERN DENTISTRY



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**2 Clinical CE Credits**

**Wednesday, February 25, 2026**

**Reception: 6-7PM | Program: 7-9PM**

**New York County Dental Society Headquarters,  
622 Third Ave, 9th Fl, New York, NY**

NYSDA MEMBERS,  
STUDENTS, &  
RESIDENTS

**FREE**

NON-MEMBERS

**\$50.00**

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**Dr. Emma Guzman**

General & Cosmetic Dentist  
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**Dr. Chanelle Small**

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Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon  
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### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- **Evaluate diagnostic findings** in complex clinical cases where cultural, medical, and behavioral factors influence treatment planning and outcomes.
- **Identify appropriate referral pathways and interdisciplinary coordination strategies** between general dentists, oral surgeons, and endodontists.
- **Apply trauma-informed and culturally responsive approaches** to patient communication and chairside clinical management.
- **Assess risks and treatment modifications** for medically complex and systemically compromised patients.
- **Compare evidence-based treatment options** across specialties and justify clinical decision-making using current literature and standards of care.
- **Improve sequencing of interdisciplinary treatment** to enhance predictability, patient safety, and long-term outcomes.

### AGENDA

- **6:00 – 7:00 PM:** Reception & Networking (Non-CE)
- **7:00 – 7:10 PM:** Welcome & Program Overview – Clinical learning objectives and interdisciplinary focus
- **7:10 – 8:10 PM:** Clinical Specialty Presentations (20 minutes each)
  - General Dentistry: Diagnosis, treatment planning, and culturally competent patient communication.
  - Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery: Medical risk assessment and management of the medically complex dental patient.
  - Endodontics: Pain management, ethical decision-making, and tooth preservation to support restorative outcomes.
- **8:10 – 8:40 PM:** Interdisciplinary Clinical Roundtable – Collaborative treatment planning and referral decision-making
- **8:40 – 8:55 PM:** Audience Q&A – Case-based discussion and clinical application
- **8:55 – 9:00 PM:** Program Conclusion & Key Takeaways